



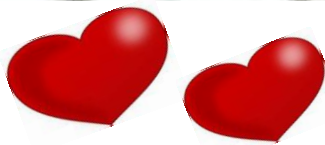
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and then to our Corvettes!

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To become a member of the QUEEN CITY CORVETTE CLUB, you must own a Corvette and attend at least three (3) monthly business meetings and two (2) events within a six-month time period. Express your wishes for membership during a monthly business meeting, be voted in and begin paying dues.

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And Much More.....

On The Cover:

QCCC Member & Club Photographer *Bob Denney* purchased his '57 Roadster new in 1957 & racked up 120K miles in 2 years of automotive bliss! Unfortunately for Bob, he had to sell his beauty because he couldn't get his new baby's car seat to fit between the seats. Thanks, Bob, for sharing a special memory with us!

The President's Vault

Another banquet is over, this year without the snow and ice. I hope everyone that attended had a good time; I heard a lot of positive comments. The food was great, the red carpet was festive, and boy were we a good looking group! Before & after the banquet it was easy to find the hospitality room, we certainly do enjoy talking and laughing. Several board members and members were there early, getting the banquet room ready for everyone else. Thanks for the extra effort.



Between the Silent Auction and the 50/50 raffle we raised over **\$660 for our charity fund**. Thank you to everyone that donated items, and congratulations to **Brenda Loftin for winning the 50/50**. At our December meeting, the members voted on *Rookie of the Year*, and *Member of the Year*. The winners were revealed at the banquet. The **Female Rookie of the Year was Jo Graham**, and the **Male Rookie of the Year was Al Kessel**. **Member of the Year was Boyd Kurt**. The **Jerry Scienski Award was presented to Susan Kurt**. I presented Boyd with a Past President plaque for his years of service on the board. The official QCCC Presidential Gavel was passed on to me. It's pretty big, I hope I can handle the job to your satisfaction. The final official act was presentation of the **King & Queen crowns to Chris & Peggy Wood**, who then started our fun portion of the evening with the first dance. It was announced that a new requirement was the wearing of the crown at all future events. I can see Peggy in the bling, but not sure about Chris.

We're working on many ideas for daytrips, weekend trips, and spur of the moment gatherings, so watch your emails. If you have an idea for an event or trip, let me know. If you aren't able to coordinate it, we'll find someone to put it together.

I know you've all been holding your breath, waiting for the continuation of last month's story about tracking down the person I bought my car from 40 years ago. Here's the next chapter, starting with a little recap:

We found the ad in the microfiche at the Detroit Library, the next step was to track down the address, and we had to go to another library for that. The Henry Ford Centennial Library in Dearborn was only open until 5:00, and we only had that one day to be able to research it on this trip to Michigan. We were excited and on a roll! We took Michigan Avenue from downtown Detroit, all the way to Dearborn and found the library. Another helpful librarian took us to the Bresser's Criss Cross, and we lucked out again. The 1970 version was there. We were joking that we hoped the previous owner would have a distinctive name, not Robert Smith, so that we might even be able to track down the man. I opened the 1970 directory, found the exchange, followed the column of numbers, and there it was – name & address! We looked in the '75 and '80 volumes and he was still listed. Finally we took a chance and looked in the newest volume they had, 2007, not really thinking we could be lucky enough to find him at the same location. Sure enough, there he was! After getting the current area code, I called and was able to talk to the guy I bought my car from, 40 years ago. His name wasn't Robert Smith, but it wasn't very unusual. Thomas Day was 73 years old and had lived in the same house for 45 years. Thank goodness, or I might not have been able to track him down. I found out I was only the third owner, which surprised me. Thomas remembered he bought the 'Vette from a guy that owned a gas station. He didn't remember his name, but thought that he now has a trucking company in the area. We chatted for awhile about cars; Thomas currently has a 1981 Corvette in the garage. I should have asked him if he'd take \$500 for that one.

The story still isn't over, now that we have a lead regarding the first owner, we plan to try to find him. Next year we're taking the car to the 50th anniversary meet of the VCCA and 100 year anniversary celebration of Chevrolet in Flint, Michigan. I asked Thomas if I could come by his house to show him the car and get a picture of him in it, and he agreed. I'm crossing my fingers that I'll be able to find the first owner, maybe get a picture of all three of us with the car.

Let's drive 'em and enjoy them!

Steve Pelchat

Queen City Corvette Club Awards Banquet

The Night The Stars Came Out

The over one-hundred *Queen City Corvette Club Members* attending the *Annual Awards Banquet* on January 22nd enjoyed a fun-filled evening of great friends, food, music, and décor. Much work went into the planning and production of this gala event. **Thanks to Adina, Mark and everyone who helped make the evening so special!** Unfortunately, space limitations prohibit showing all the fun captured by “Flash” Denney’s cameras (*he had help!*) View the evening through Bob’s lenses at our [QCCC Web site!](#) If you couldn’t make it, *we missed you!*





*Small photos cannot capture the huge smiles of everyone enjoying the Banquet!
Put it on your calendar for January 2011!*





Deiger's VP Report

Happy February to everyone! Well Road Rally '11 is off to a big start! "Thanks", goes out to everyone that is already registered. If you haven't, see me at the meeting for an enrollment form. I will be giving some updates on the rally at the February meeting.



Where is the February Meeting you ask? Well time to show you don't need a Yellow car to be a racecar driver!! Join us at:



Victory Lane Karting

Located at:
2330 Tipton Drive
Suite 100
Charlotte, NC 28206
704-377-FAST (3278)

<http://www.victorylanekarting.com/>



Please utilize navigation systems or <http://www.mapquest.com> for exact directions from where you are coming from.

The plan for the evening is:

5:30pm Dinner - *Shane's Rib Shack Catering* (served at Victory Lane Karting)

RSVP IS REQUIRED PRIOR TO FEBRUARY 4TH!!! Cost = \$10.00 per person. Check only payable to: QCCC.

6:30pm - *Business Meeting*

7:30pm - *Victory Lane Karting begins.*

You can sign up and pay for karting either before or after the Meeting.

Rates:

1 Race - \$20.00

3 Races - \$50.00

(Races last 8 minutes)

Eligible Rally Events for February:

2/19 Car Care Day

2/26 Tom Smith Collection

Wednesday and Up-Yonder Dinners



Final thought: Write the name of the movie this quote is from on a piece of paper with your name, hand to me at the meeting *before my report* and get 1 free rally mile!!

"We have a secret weapon. God is our co-pilot. God is our co-pilot? Yeah. Remember our car? Two seats. Two seats? Where is he going to sit? Where?"

Be safe out there!!

Matthew Deiger

QUEEN CITY CORVETTE CLUB



CLUB BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

Date: January 8, 2011

Time: 6:30 PM – 7:45 PM

Location: NASCAR Technical Institute

BOARD MEMBERS & STAFF PRESENT

Board Members: Steve Pelchat, President; Matthew Deiger, Vice President; Eddie Burt, Membership; Florence Prather, Treasurer; Linda Lewis, Secretary; Nelson Sprague, Automotive; Susan Kurt, Social;
Staff: Paul Mariano, NCM Ambassador; Bob Denney, Club Photographer; Bob & Marilyn Becker, Webmasters; Chris Wood & Peggy Marlowe, Gazette Editors

DISCUSSION

President – Steve Pelchat



Called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.

Thanked Pam Liner for allowing us to meet at the NASCAR Technical Institute.

Minutes were approved and seconded.

We will only give out two gift cards at the meeting instead of four. The remaining money will be used for the awards for 2011.

Vice President Report – Matthew Deiger



Reviewed the new points system, QCCC Road Rally '11.

- Each member or family will have a travel log.
- We will have two divisions: Working Stiffs or Cruisers.
- Each event will hold a mile value; National Corvette Museum member – 7 miles; meetings – 2 miles; car shows – 4 miles; car meets / day trips – 3 miles; long distance / overnight trips – 3 miles+1 mile for every night (not to exceed two nights); new member referral – 5 miles; and dinners – 1 mile. Chrome Bumper cars driven to events get 1 bonus mile for each event.
- Rewards for 2011 will be as follows: One "Top "Driver" per division with a second and third place driver per division; one "Rookie Driver" regardless of division; and one top "Overall Driver" regardless of division. This is a total of eight awards.



February 12th meeting – Victory Lane Karting with catered dinner.



March 12th meeting – Auto Barn.



April 16th – Changed meeting date to accommodate Auto Fair at Charlotte Motor Speedway.

Automotive Report – Nelson Sprague



January 15th – Car Care day at Wally & Anita Crawford's garage. (*Car Care Day was postponed until February 19th*)



February 26th – Road trip to view Tom Smith's car collection with lunch at O' Charley's.



See Nelson if you are interested in serving on the Charity Committee.

Secretary's Report – Linda Lewis



We had quite a few January Birthdays. The only two names I have listed on my official sheet were Matthew Deiger, January 2nd and Chris Wood, January 8th.

Happy Birthday. If you want to be on the Birthday list, email me at

lhlewis@comporium.net.

Treasurer's Report – Florence Prather



Reported on the bank balance and gave an update on the banquet.

Membership Report – Eddie Burt



We have 255 members and 136 families.



The following were voted in as new members: Mike & Carole Callea, Dick & Elaine Coulter, Jeff Crosby, David & Dawn Faircloth, and Sylvia Stallings. **WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!!!!**



Welcome to the following visitors: Jim & Sandy Spencer.

Social Director's Report - Susan Kurt



March - Planning a trip to Charleston.



September – Museum Bash and possible Murder Mystery trip.



October – Helen GA.



Looking into a Drive Inn Movie for the spring.



Let Susan know if you have any ideas.

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Past Social Director – Adina Ledford



January 22nd Banquet – The banquet will be held at the downtown Hilton again. All rooms will be \$99 per night. We will provide free parking for members who spend the night. Cost for the banquet will be \$35 per member and \$50 for non-members. We will have a silent auction again and donations for the baskets. Let Adina or Susan know what you are bringing. We will have a 50/50 raffle.

Corvette Museum Report – Paul Mariano



Pepsi Cola is giving out a 50K grant. Please go out to www.refresheverything.com/corvette and vote for the Corvette Museum’s KidZone.



See Paul if you want to buy a raffle ticket.



April 28th- 30th - C-5 / C-6 Bash.



May 12th – 14th - C-4 Gathering and ZR1 Reunion.



June 6th – 15th – Le Mans tour.



June 27-28th – High Performance Driving Experience.



Congratulations to Scott Hamilton on the Museum Delivery of his new 2011 Grande Sport.

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Other Business –



Bill Cruthis and gave an update on the history of QCCC. He and Richard Craig are compiling a book with old newsletters, pictures, etc for the members to see.



Linda Meadows gave an update on Gloria McCoy. She is recovering from back surgery and doing well.



Gift certificates were won by Jim Weisberg and Boyd Kurt.

Next meeting is scheduled for 6:30 PM at Victory Lane Karting on Saturday, February 12th, 2011. Check the website for details.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda H. Lewis, Secretary

PLEASE WELCOME OUR NEWEST MEMBERS! We're glad you're here!



*Mike & Carol Callea
1969 Coune*



*David & Dawn Faircloth
2004 Blue Convertible*



*Dick & Elaine Coulter
2003 Red Z06*



*Sylvia (w/ Member Jeff) Stallings
2009 Cyber Gray Coupe*

*We all come in as strangers
and soon become family!*



*Jeff Crosby
1993 Black Rose ZR1*

A Business Meeting At NASCAR Tech Always Draws An Enthusiastic Group – January:



Please visit our [QCCC web site](#) for many more January Meeting photos!



QUEEN CITY CORVETTE CLUB BOARD MEETING MINUTES

DATE: **JANUARY 4, 2011** TIME: **6:30 – 8:15 PM**
LOCATION: **SMITH & STEVENSON**




Board Members & Guests Present: Steve Pelchat, President, Matthew Deiger, Vice President; Linda Lewis, Secretary; Susan Kurt, Social Director; Nelson Sprague, Automotive Director; Eddie Burt, Membership Director; Boyd Kurt, Past President; Jane Burt, Member; Laura Pelchat, Member; Chris Wood, Newsletter Editor

DISCUSSION








 **Steve Pelchat called the meeting to order.**



 **President Report – Steve Pelchat**

-  Reviewed the budget and voted on the recommendations.
-  We will only give out two gift cards at the meeting instead of four. The remaining money will be used for the awards for 2011.
-  Voted to change the February and March board meetings to the second Tuesday of the month.


 **Vice President – Matthew Deiger**

-  January 8th – NASCAR Technical Institute.
-  February 12th – Victory Karting with catered dinner.
-  March 12th – Auto Barn.
-  April 16th – Changed meeting date to accommodate Auto Fair at Charlotte Motor Speedway.
-  Reviewed the new points system, *QCCC Road Rally '11*.


 **Automotive Director – Nelson Sprague**


-  January 15th – Car Care Day at Wally and Anita Crawford's garage.
-  February 26th - Road trip to view Tom Smith's car collection with lunch at O'Charleys.




 **Secretary's Report – Linda Lewis**

-  No report.







 **Treasurer Report – Florence Prather**

-  No report.



 **Membership Director – Eddie Burt**

-  We have 251 members and 136 families.
-  We discussed the gifts for new members. We will no longer give out the QCCC coolers.
-  We need to budget for 100 lanyards.



 **Social Director – Susan Kurt**

-  January 22nd Banquet – The banquet will be held at the downtown Hilton again. All rooms will be \$99 per night. We will provide free parking for members who spend the night. Cost for the banquet will be \$35 per member and \$50 for non-members.
-  We will have a silent auction again and donations for the baskets.
-  March - Planning a trip to Charleston.
-  September – Museum Anniversary and possible Murder Mystery trip.
-  October – Helen GA.
-  Board voted not to continue the snacks at meetings.

 **Past President – Boyd Kurt**

-  Justin Michaels is set. We have decorations, the awards are ordered and programs are in process.
-  Dues are due on January 5th and are \$96 per year. We prefer for people to pay dues for the entire year.

 **Newsletter Editor – Chris Wood**

-  We need six copies of the newsletter for City Chevrolet.
-  Discussed only taking articles for the newsletter concerning the club. We will not publish any other club events, etc. Any changes will go through the President, Steve Pelchat.

Next meeting is tentatively scheduled for 6:00pm on February 8th at Laura Pelchat's office, Smith & Stevenson.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Linda H Lewis, Secretary*

Automotive Report

QCCC Members,

It seems we must have upset Mother Nature. The first automotive event of the New Year was to be Car Care Day on January 15th. We have *RESCHEDULED* Car Care Day to *FEBRUARY 19TH*. It is still being held at Wally and Anita Crawford's Garage Mahal in Stanfield. We always have lots of enthusiastic conversation and good food, as well as changing oil, filters and checking out the new Corvettes that show up for the event. You can see all the details on the club calendar. Remember, I will have a little surprise during the day and now, thanks to our new VP, you will receive Road Rally miles for attendance.



Our second event on February 26th will be our trip to see Tom Smith's collection of Corvettes, collector cars, animals (stuffed and alive) and one of the most complete collections of John Deere products. There are currently 103 members and prospective members signed up for this event.

For our next two events, St. Patrick's Day Parade and NASCAR Institute open house, we have a schedule over-lap. Both events are being held on March 19th. Charlotte usually hosts the parade on the Saturday before St. Patrick's Day but this year it is going to be on the Saturday after St. Patrick's Day. I feel sure there are enough members who like attend these events that there will not be a shortage of cars for both events.

I want to thank for following members who have signed up to participate in the *Charity Committee for 2011*. They are: *Dena Deiger, Jo Graham, Phil Lewis, Bob Motta and Florence Prather*. We will be meeting in May to determine the distribution of our charity funds. If you have suggestions you would like us to consider, you should talk to me or one of the other committee members before the meeting.

Thank you for your participations in our club events.

Nelson Sprague

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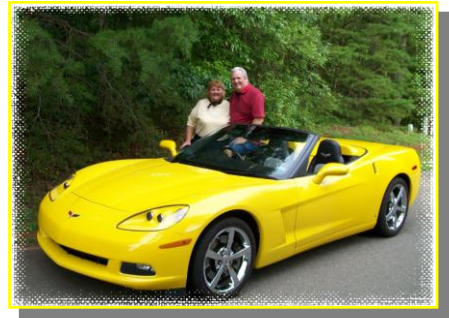
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the View is Always Nice.*



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Socials - With Susan



Is everyone tired of this cold winter?? Hopefully you're checking the [QCCC web site](#) to see what is being planned for 2011. We are going to try to have at least one Day Trip each month and longer trips in March (*Charleston-The Outer Limits*), April-C5-C6 *Bash NCM*, and *Vettes in the Valley*, August-*Corvettes at Carlisle*, September-*NCM Birthday Bash*, September-*A Murder Mystery Trip* (planned by Jim And Kay Weisberg), and October-*Helen, Ga.'s Oktoberfest*. Check the web site for details and be sure to sign up early. We will also have several spontaneous trips (*Drive-in movie in Belmont*). So watch for our e-mails.

Charleston-March 25-27 I need your commitment as soon as possible so I can get the best rates available and plan the logistics of the trip. Please e-mail me at skurt7167@mindspring.com.

[Corvettes at Carlisle](#) - August 26-28
[Murder Mystery](#) - September 23-25
[Oktoberfest](#) - October 21-23

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Join Queen City Corvette Club on our
 "Charleston the Outer Limits" Tour
 March 25th - 27th, 2011

Depart SC Welcome Center 8:30am March 25th.

Hotel Reservations: We need your commitment now to get a good rate. We are looking at:
 Hampton Inn - \$120/night
 Comfort Suites - \$130/night
 Quality Inn - \$120/night

Evening meals:
 Friday evening - RB Seafood (Sherns Creek)
 Saturday evening - [Creekside Bar & Grill](#) (Or other close by)

Friday Afternoon Tour - Charleston Harbor Tour
 Web site: www.charlestonharbortours.com



Saturday Morning Tour: Boone Hall Plantation
 House tour, Garden tour, Grounds tour included
 Website: <http://boonehallplantation.com/>

Both tours for less than \$30.00 per person. We are working on lower prices for these tours but need to know how many people for the best rate.



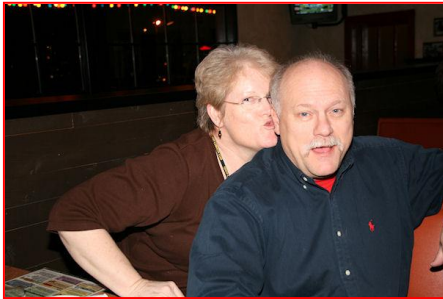
Saturday Afternoon: Tour Fort Sumter, the Aircraft Carriers, downtown Charleston, shop or just relax.

Sunday: Enjoy the day and return back to Charlotte.

Respond to Susan Kurt ASAP!!!!!!
Skurt7167@mindspring.com

Phone: 704-588-3561

Corvettes & Camaraderie at January's Luncheons & Dinners



Members interested in joining the fun should contact the following to be added to the email list.

- Nelson Sprague (barnel@carolina.rr.com) – Men's Luncheon – held the 3rd Thursday of each month
- Peggy Marlowe (chriswood@carolina.rr.com) – Ladies' Luncheon – held the 3rd Thursday of each month
- Eddie & Jane Burt (eddieburt@carolina.rr.com) – "Up Yonder" Dinner – held the last Monday of each month
- Eddie & Jane Burt (eddieburt@carolina.rr.com) – Wednesday Night Dinner – held MOST Wednesday nights



National Corvette Museum Corner

The group headed for the [C5/C6 Bash](#) in April should find more than enough entertainment to amuse them over the three day event. Michelin will be holding seminars on tires and Mobile 1 will be discussing their synthetic oils. The oil seminars are particularly pertinent as GM has established their *new standards for oil* to keep your warranty in effect. Also, the new 2012 Corvettes will be previewed with all the GM engineers in attendance to explain the new features and take your questions. Rides will be available in an honest to gosh 1963 vintage race car. The bottom line, just not enough time to take it all in.

If you would like to participate in a NCM sponsored [High Performance Driving Experience \(HPDE\)](#) at the *Virginia International Raceway (VIR)*, stand by your phones. Registration opens on February 15th at 8:00AM (CST) or 0900 Charlotte time. It's first come, first served and the slots fill up rapidly. If you are really serious about attending, stand by the push buttons on that day.

Several club members have approached me about testing the waters for the club to join the "One Acre Club" to purchase an acre of land for the new [NCM Motorsports Park](#). Since less than half of the QCCC members belong to the NCM, I would rather ask the membership, as individuals, if they would support this fund raising effort. The price for one acre is \$15,000.00 and if we could enlist twenty-five individuals, the unit cost would only be \$600.00. A payment plan is available for either \$500.00 or \$250.00 which means a monthly commitment of either \$20.00 or \$10.00 per month. If you would like to join in on this effort, please call, e-mail, or see me and we will come up with a catchy name for the group. And, the donations are tax deductible.

There are too many Corvette raffles going on at the NCM that I won't attempt to list them all. Please visit the museum website and check out all the upcoming raffles and pick one that fits your budget.

Save the Wave!

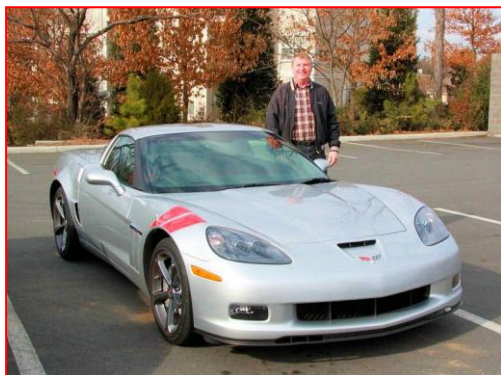
Paul Mariano, NCM Ambassador



NOTE: The masthead above Paul's report marks the debut of the 2014 Corvette Caravan Banner to be displayed on the [2014 National Caravan web site](#).



New Additions to the QCCC Family - Enjoy Your New RIDES!



*Congratulations to Scott & Betty Hamilton on their new
2011 Switchblade Silver Grand Sport!*

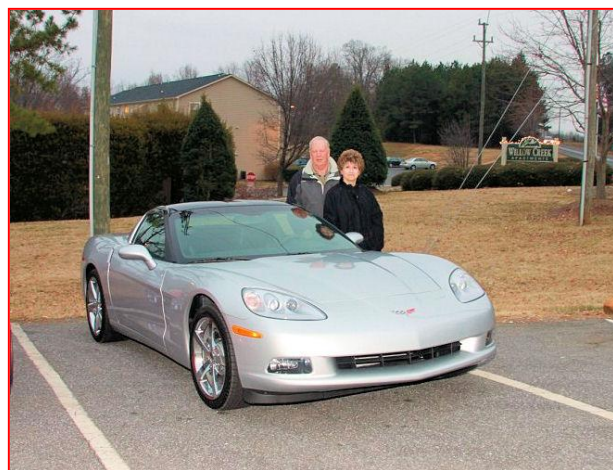
*Many thanks to Scott for sharing his National Corvette
Museum Delivery experience with Gazette readers.*

R8C Museum Delivery Experience

By Scott Hamilton

For QCCC members, or new and prospective members who are not aware of this option, let me share my experience with you. Some background...National Corvette Museum (NCM) delivery is referred to as Regular Production Option (RPO) R8C, and is available through any Chevrolet Dealer at the time of ordering your car. R8C customers are welcomed to the NCM in Bowling Green, KY with signs commemorating the event, a tour of the Corvette Assembly Plant follows with your own NCM delivery Team guided VIP tour. A personal, special VIP guided tour of the NCM is conducted where you can take all the time you need to soak up the realm of all things Corvette. In conclusion you will see your Corvette on display. Next, a member of the NCM delivery team provides a quality orientation followed by a very thorough delivery presentation of your vehicle. A unique gold decal is either placed on the inside of the drivers' door jamb to signify the importance of this memorable occasion, or you can choose to save it to put with your other documentation. R8C includes an individual one year NCM membership and a plaque that has your name, date of delivery and Vehicle Identification Number (VIN). The experience is shown live, world-wide, on the Museum's webcams, which several of our club members, in fact, watched while I went through the process. I talked with many club members who had been through this experience before finally making up my mind to do so, and everyone said it was such a wonderful ordeal, go for it! And they were oh so right. If you have the time, or can arrange your schedule to do so, I enthusiastically recommend this outstanding option. So much, in fact, that I can't believe I had to be talked into it! Thank-you to Wendy and Walt Krupowicz for pushing me over the edge to go this route, it truly was an experience that will last a lifetime in my mind. The 457 miles from the Museum to home was a smile every mile to say the very least, and all of you who "still play with cars" know exactly what I'm talking about. I was not a museum member prior to this, after having made the pilgrimage however, I am now a "convert" as our Club Ambassador, Paul Mariano refers to it. I now "get it" Paul...seeing is believing, and rest assured I will be a member from here on out!

*Congratulations to Jack & Judy Goodison &
Steve & Laura Pelchat on their new Corvettes!*



Jack & Judy - 2010 Switchblade Silver Metallic



Steve & Laura - 2001 Navy Blue Metallic

Vintage QCCC

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Bill Cruthis & Richard Craig



"A Turtle in Name Only"

The mid 70's saw the ladies of QCCC getting very involved in racing and being instrumental in our National Championships. Especially fast were Jenny Stevens, Linda Pace, and Brenda Alberty. Brenda and husband Shad were the favored "older influence" (40) vs. our average age of 27. If you are a shag dancer you have heard of them. Shad is in the *Shag Dancer's Hall of Fame* and they won many Myrtle Beach dance contests as well as taught multitudes. They owned a '71 base engine yellow with black top and hides nicknamed the "Banana". Brenda's CB handle and nickname was "Turtle", which relates to the tortoise and the hare. She has great autocross skills and just like the turtle was just smooth, no wasted motion, no tire smoke, but very fast. She would usually win her class and often FTD (Fastest-Time-of-Day) for the ladies, always beating Shad and many of the tire-burning gear-head guys. There is a reference in the May '76 newsletter under things we would like to see, i.e., "Brenda's side of the trophy case compared to Shad's." Just like the turtle, slow and steady but always with top results.

For a while in '75 and '76 Brenda wrote entries in the QCCC newsletter titled "Gossip---Hot Flashes From Ol' Grandma Moses". Here are just a few lively samples:

- ◆ "Talk about not knowing which end is up! Joey, when you run a sack race, you pull the sack on over your legs, not your head, and no your body is not modified b. And while on the subject of the sack race, I still say Jenny and Renee had an unfair advantage. They have less to pull behind them as the rest of us girls and I still assume Father T. was referring to the age of the sacks, not the participants when he said old bag sack race."
- ◆ "An Appeal to Sharon Meredith: please hurry and get well! Travis is starting to make all the girls nervous, right now I think even Ruth Buzzi turns him on."
- ◆ "Can you picture Happy Harry driving a Go-Cart? Talk about low to the ground, I bet his butt had blisters."
- ◆ "I don't know what Swavey Davey was drinking in Darlington but he kept seeing tractor trailers going by the door and his room was on the second floor."
- ◆ "Brillo Pad (a.k.a. Bill Cruthis) finally brought the '70 ghost out of hiding for the first time in 8 months and was greeted by the friendly fuzz. Seems he was missing a little sticker in the left hand corner of the windshield, and this from a man who makes his living putting little stickers on medicine bottles."
- ◆ "I Understand Bill Ingram turned down sticker price plus 10% plus a wife for his '67 coupe at the car show."
- ◆ "Earl Ferrell looked like he was practicing for the national diving championship at the Myrtle Beach party. A girl goosed him and he landed on a table half way across the room. I did notice though, he sat right back down beside her--- and took his glasses off!"



Eight of those 27 QCCC members have left us way too early in their lives. Shad was one of them. The "Turtle" still lives in Charlotte. They were quite a couple and a big part of QCCC. Brenda and Shad had a real zest for excitement with a special sense of humor. We can only hope QCCC did as much for them as they did for our club. Two salt of the earth Corvette Americans who helped make QCCC what it is today. A salute to the dancing Alberty's and a special thank for all you did.

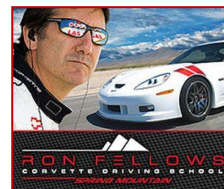
Driving Spring Mountain

A First-Hand Account of Experiencing the Ron Fellows Performance Driving School



Kind of reminds you of a Lay's Potato Chip commercial – “Bet you can't eat just one.”

So far, Bill and I had driven Grand Sports, Z06s and ZR1s on the track. Bill was already familiar, but this had given me an opportunity to understand the distinct differences in each of the Corvettes...and there certainly are some besides the power and braking differences. A very small example of this is foot pedal placement. They are not in the exact same place in each Corvette. Being able to “heel and toe” in one does not mean you can “heel and toe” in them all. The slightest variation in pedal placement for someone with a narrow foot may mean not being able to “heel and toe” at all. But between us, I didn't “heel and toe” very much and I don't think Bill did either. More about day three:

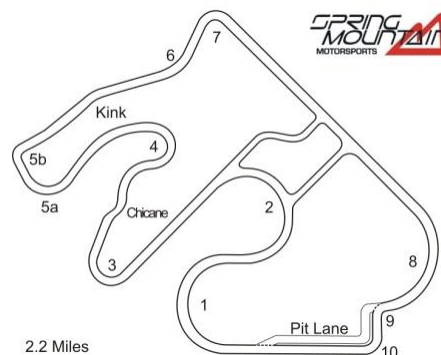


We again jumped quickly into class with a review of what we'd learned in the first two days. Our class size had reduced by five students – those who had purchased the two day class instead of the three graduated the afternoon of our second day. The thirteen of us remaining practiced more heel and toe, threshold braking and shifting, car control and visual skills. The coffee and Gatorade was flowing again to get us focused on our last day of class. Rick Malone, our Lead Instructor, then explained what we would be doing next – open track. Open track meant all students in Corvettes and on the track at one time using our skills to run as hard as safely as we could. If you wished to pass a slower student, you must first notify that student, who would then radio you when it was OK for you to pass. Passing could only occur at certain points on the track. All students were in radio contact with each other and the instructors at all times. Safety was of primary concern. We didn't want to lose any Corvettes, instructors or fellow students (no mishaps in the 3 days)! The instructors roamed the entire course on motorbikes and golf carts watching our laps and providing pointers about how we could better our lap times. Rick covered what we were to do if someone ran off the track (no one did) until cleanup could be completed. Open track was a blast! It was an opportunity to practice what we had learned and fine tune the way we approached each corner as fast as we dared to go.



This, truly, was the highlight and climax of the three days at Spring Mountain.

After another fantastic lunch in the clubhouse, we assembled for our group graduation photo with one of the Corvettes. Then more open track. The ladies were again a part of it all and able to move to strategic points to take photos of us as we ticked off our laps. Lap after lap, we concentrated on perfecting each corner and picking up our pace. Each open track session lasted about 45 minutes. We then we would return to the classroom for more Gatorade or water and time to ask questions and get input from the instructors. Each time you could try a different Corvette or grab the last one you drove if it was still available. This allowed us to stick with what we knew or take our skills from Corvette to Corvette and modify those skills to suite the little nuances of the next Corvette. Track session after track session, lap after lap, the Corvettes ran



For the past two months we've described our arrival, day one and day two of our trip to Spring Mountain and spending three days driving Corvettes around the 2.2 mile 11 turn road course at the [Ron Fellows Performance Driving School](#) in Pahrump, Nevada. If you missed it and want to catch up, visit our QCCC website and click on the [December 2010 Newsletter](#) or [January 2011 Newsletter](#).

Day Three, Graduation & Barrett-Jackson:

Day three (our last) brought mixed emotions for Bill Davidson and me. We'd looked forward to getting through the class, being able to use the skills we'd learned in “open track” and graduating. But, we also had to face the realization that the fun would soon be over. All the anticipation of the trip, getting there and experiencing Spring Mountain would soon end. So now our thoughts of doing this because it's a “once in a lifetime experience” began to turn into “when can we do this again?”

just as great on the last lap as they did on the first. I hate to admit it, but this surprised me a little. Spring Mountain employs its own experts who maintain the Corvettes on their premises. I asked and was told the ZR1s get through about four classes on a set of brakes and approximately 4,000 miles on a set of tires. That's a lot of laps around the track! These cars are built for driving!

Finally it came time for graduation. Rick Malone conducted a little "debriefing" as we wound down and caught our breath from the track. He asked each of the students to provide any comments about the facility and instruction that we wished to make. He then asked the ladies the same question. I believe each person in the room felt the same way – this was an exceptional experience at an exceptional facility, one we would never forget. As Rick called our names, each student walked up and received their diploma and a firm handshake from each instructor. With graduation behind us, it was time to say our goodbyes to the instructors, the front office ladies and the friends we had made during the last three days. This was another opportunity to think about how each of us had come together from such different backgrounds and areas of the USA, but with a common bond in our love for Corvettes and our desire to maximize our driving experience and pleasure. This common bond may be hard to understand and explain, but you know it's there each time you see an oncoming Corvette owner wave or you can't wait to tell your Corvette friends about what the "Corvette fairy" left at your door. What other brand has female followers who know as much about options and specs as many of the guys do? You know what I mean.







It was then time to load up and drive to Las Vegas. Once in the car, Julia and Peggy had a little graduation surprise for us. They were leaving the condos and ran into Ron Fellows who was also leaving to drive to Las Vegas to be at the GM tent at the Barrett-Jackson Auction. They had Ron Fellows autographed hats for us.

We spent all day Thursday at Barrett-Jackson at Mandalay Bay. GM had a large exhibit tent full of new cars (Volt, CTS-V, etc.) and a large parking lot adjacent to the main Barrett-Jackson building where some of our instructors from Spring Mountain were riding fans around a course in ZR1s from the Ron Fellows Driving School. And they weren't just riding around – they were driving the ZR1s hard. The National Corvette Museum had a large display area inside the GM tent with souvenirs and Corvette related material. It was great to see familiar NCM faces and talk with them. We spent hours looking at the vehicles to be auctioned and the vendors. Barrett-Jackson was all we expected it to be and more – the icing on the cake after our three days at Spring Mountain. If you plan to do the Ron Fellows Driving School at Spring Mountain, try to do so when Barrett-Jackson is in Las Vegas. You will not regret this fun-filled exciting week!

Other Queen City Corvette Club members have experienced Spring Mountain. E. O. Oakley and Richard Fisher provided us with input on their experiences while there. If you are interested in more information, contact info, or have any questions, Bill, E. O., Richard or I will be happy to talk with you. And if the ladies have questions, Julia and Peggy will gladly share more about their experience with you. But don't be surprised if you have to call time-out and resume the discussion at another time. Our enthusiasm about the Spring Mountain experience gets us carried away very easily. *Chris Wood*


Links to more information provided in the previous two *Gazettes*.


-  To view a new GM video featuring Ron Fellows describing the Corvette Grand Sport at Spring Mountain [click here](#).
-  To view an article and video from USA Today shot at Spring Mountain featuring Jim Campbell, GM's US Vice President of Performance Vehicles and Motorsports describing why GM believes in driving schools [Click here](#).
-  To watch Ron Fellows take a lap in a ZR1 at Spring Mountain, [click here](#).
-  Make sure you watch each video in full-screen mode with your sound turned way up!







“Heads-Up”


 **Congratulations to Jamie Hinson** – Jamie correctly answered the trivia question in last month’s Gazette and won the Hooter’s Gift card. The correct answer was “Made In The USA” by the Wright Brothers, a top 40 Country hit in 1982. If you don’t remember the song, ask Jamie to hum a few bars at the next club meeting. Thanks to all who sent in their answers (and for reading the Gazette!) Jamie, make sure you take Ben with you to use the Gift Card!


 **A Great Way To Be Entertained** - If you’re not a regular on our [QCCC web site](#), you’re missing the latest updates Webmasters Bob & Marilyn Becker have added recently. Pull up the website, click on the jukebox icon to start the music and sit back and watch the Corvettes as they pop on the screen. We can’t think of a better way to get psyched up for springtime and cruisin’!



 **Speaking of Corvettes Popping On Your Computer Screen** – An all-out effort is underway to get as many QCCC Member’s Corvette photos on our website as possible. Jane & Eddie Burt took the time to develop a list of all the Member’s Corvettes we DO NOT HAVE. Don’t be surprised if you see “Flash” Denney snapping photos of your Corvette at future club events. Help us out by sending your favorites to Bob & Marilyn at vettarosa@carolina.rr.com. Also, if you have photos of your previous Corvettes, send them too.

 **GM Now Offering Free Driving School With ANY Corvette Purchase** – Effective now through February 28, 2011, GM will give the buyer of any new Corvette a [free driving school](#) at either Spring Mountain or Bondurant. Buyers have one year from their delivery date to take advantage of the opportunity. Eligible customers are responsible for their own accommodations and travel, but receive access to the schools and two-day tuition for free. Customers who purchase a new Corvette ZR1 model during the program period will receive an additional third day of tuition. Now that’s an incentive!

 **ESPN’s 30 for 30 – Tim Richmond: To The Limit** - QCCC Members Sandy Welch (Tim Richmond’s Sister) and Bob Denney were on hand at the NASCAR Hall of Fame recently for the Premier Showing of [ESPN’s 30 for 30](#). The NASCAR HOF currently is displaying, for a very limited time, the exhibit “[Short Careers, Lasting Legacy](#)” in the Great Hall. The exhibition showcases authentic artifacts that tell the story of some of NASCAR’s most memorable personalities. It also recognizes individuals who left the sport in their prime or before they reached their full potential. Rick Hendrick has loaned Richmond’s No. 25 Folgers Monte Carlo (1987) for the exhibition.


 **Ready For Another CARAVAN?** – You may think it’s a long time until the [2014 Corvette Caravan](#) that will culminate at the *National Corvette Museum* and the NCM’s 20th Anniversary. But planning is already underway to make the 2014 Caravan the biggest and best yet. Our own **QCCC Member Paul Mariano (& Barbara)** will head up the planning at the **National level**. For those not familiar, approximately 200 Corvette owners from the Carolinas and Virginia left Concord in September of 2009 and joined other Corvette Caravans from every corner of the United States. These unique Caravans with thousands of Corvettes met in Bowling Green, Ky to participate in the Grand Re-


opening of the newly expanded Nat’l Corvette Museum and its 15th Anniversary. **The first planning meeting is scheduled for 1:00 PM February 12th at the Hampton Inn & Suites, 9850 Weddington Rd Extension in Concord.** QCCC Members played a critical role in the success of the 2009 Corvette Caravan by volunteering to man the registration desks, solicit sponsorships, work on the Route Book, etc. If you have the time, don’t mind rolling up your sleeves, love to laugh and meet other Corvette owners, please volunteer to help out! Contact [Frank Sancineto](#), [Chris Wood](#) or [Wade Stickels](#) to volunteer with the NC/SC/VA Caravan planning. Have questions? Just ask a fellow QCCC member who helped out with the 2009 Caravan. Each will have a great story for you!




IN THE REAR VIEW




 **But The Neighbor Didn't Want His Hedgerow Trimmed** – From the *10 Best NHTSA Complaints of 2010* comes this ditty: “While coming to a stop in my driveway, my (bleep) had a sudden surge with my feet on the brake. The car ran away and hit my house, birdbaths, smoker on a trailer, went into neighbor’s driveway and hit a van, and finally came to rest in a hedgerow.” And another: “My rpm’s are not moving when my car is accelerating.” And finally: “I do not recall hitting anything. But, strangely, now there are two dents on the driver’s side rear of the car and the trunk fails to latch properly. It’s as if the metal body of the car was pulled so fast that it bent.” Whoa!


 **Update on Johnny O’Connell** – Fan favorite Johnny O’Connell, who transitioned from Corvette racing to Team Cadillac in the SCCA World Challenge GT for 2011 has been busy. Johnny and former Corvette Racing teammate Andy Pilgrim completed the first test run at Sebring Int’l Raceway in the new Cadillac CTS-V. Watch for 2011 to be a good year for GM’s Racing Division.





 **Special Edition Le Mans Tribute Corvette Auctioned At Barrett-Jackson** – The National Corvette Museum auctioned the one-of-a-kind Z06 Tribute to Corvette’s 50th Anniversary of 24 Hours of Le Mans Racing to raise money for the planned 500-acre Motorsports Park facility. Rick Hendrick made the purchase and the NCM Motorsports Park will receive \$210,000.




 **This Month In Corvette History** – February 2, 1993: The term “STINGRAY” is registered as a trademark to GM. February 20, 1954: Ford Motor Co. shows the Thunderbird 2-seat convertible in Detroit. The Thunderbird is a major part of GM’s decision to continue with the Corvette.

 **Remember These?** – Speaking of history, how many remember the “Ronco Record Vacuum”? We guess there was a time when we’d buy just about anything! For those who do not remember what a record was, just [Google](#) it.

 **Thanks for a Terrific Banquet!** - We wish to thank Adina, Mark and everyone involved in the planning and preparations for our Annual QCCC Banquet held January 22nd. It was truly a great event, the weather cooperated, and everyone certainly seemed to enjoy themselves! We’re looking forward to next year’s Banquet!

 **Creating The Carlisle Flag** – If you went to Corvettes at Carlisle last year, you remember the activity surrounding the creation of the American Flag using 155 red, white and blue Corvettes. If you weren’t at Carlisle, check out this quick video clip showing the [Carlisle Flag](#). Thanks to E. O. Oakley for sharing this find on YouTube.

 **GM’s Car of the Future?** – Many QCCC members watch the BBC’s *Top Gear* so you’ll recognize James May demonstrating this *Car of the Future* presented at the 2002 Paris Auto Show by GM. We’re closer than we may think to this intriguing automobile! Watch the brief video – [GM Hy-Wire Car of the Future](#). Thanks to Wade Stickels for sending this in.



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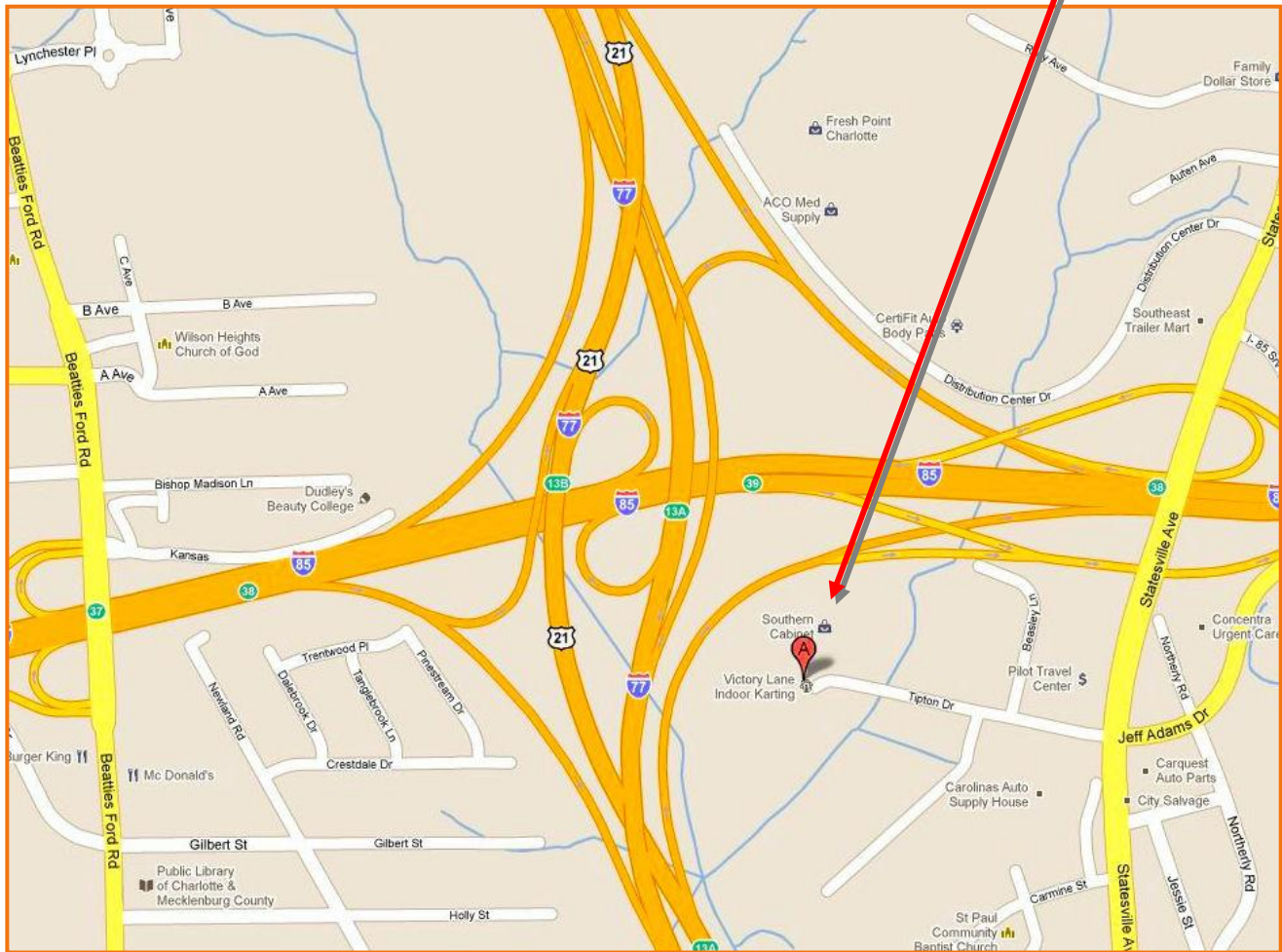
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Please see our [QCCC Web site](#) or [Matthew's VP Report](#) for more details on the *Shane's Rib Shack* catered meal & karting prices. [RSVP to Matthew Deiger](#) and exact funds are required!



Hey, no fair! If you're traveling through Madison, Alabama, be on the look-out for a Torch Red Grand Sport, complete with flashing blue lights and a policemen inside! The car is a fully-functioning patrol car and will be used for traffic stops and other patrols, but its main focus will be community outreach, said Lt. John Stringer, Madison's community resource officer. "A major part of what we do as police officers is solving problems and communicating with the public." "This car is invaluable in doing that," he said. Thanks to Wade Stickels for this alert.

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CARS AND COFFEE!!

Good morning! Just wanted to forward this along to the membership. A lot of people have been asking me about this event that happens every month. Details are included in the link that I will post.

Basically on the first Saturday every month a giant car show happens at the Northlake Mall Panera Bread on Harris Blvd. People start arriving at 7-7:30 am and stay till 10am. Have some coffee and breakfast at Panera and walk around to look at all the cars. Everything from imports to classics! Ferraris, Corvettes, Camaros, and even some Lambos show up.

Just to be clear this is not a QCCC sponsored event nor do you get rally miles; just a time to associate with a lot of car guys and girls! Full details are in the link. Check it out!

Hope to see a few there! Take care and be safe!!

Matthew

<http://forums.corvetteforum.com/southeast/2767223-charlotte-area-cars-and-coffee-at-the-lake-sat-feb-5th.html>

More from the **"Please Say it Isn't So" Department**, come these photos of **Corvettes, yes, actual Corvettes**, modified to suite an owner's taste.



Words fail us at this time.



Now we know what the devil drives.



How Pa got Jr. to plow the back 40.

The Last Page -



TOM SMITH'S CAR AND JOHN DEERE COLLECTION

FEBRUARY 26, 2011

We had a great turn out for the first meeting and the signup for this event was fantastic. At the end of the meeting we had 76 members and guests with 39 cars signed up for this trip.

For those of you who have signed up, please check the list attached to make sure I have you on the list, departing from your preferred location and the correct number attending.

For those of you who have not signed up and want to attend, I have attached the flyer for the trip. You can contact me and I will put you on the list or sign up at the February meeting. The list will be on the table.

I look forward to another eventful and fun year with the club. Contact me with any questions or comments.

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A man's errors are his portals of discovery ~ James Joyce

It's not that life is so short; it's that we wait so long to begin. ~ Unknown

Evening news is where they begin with 'Good Evening,' and then proceed to tell you why it isn't. - Unknown



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